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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company,
as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct
Facilities and Render Natural Gas Service in the Village
of Rockdale, Dane County, Wisconsin

6680-CG-141

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), as a gas public utility, filed an application with the Commission on January 16, 1998, for authority under s. 196.49, Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct facilities and render natural gas service in the Village of Rockdale, Dane County, Wisconsin.

WP&L is a Wisconsin public utility providing natural gas service in the Village of Cambridge and the Town of Christiana, Dane County, Wisconsin, which are in proximity to the proposed extension. The project is projected to serve approximately 59 residential customers and 4 commercial customers in the first year of construction. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$128,122. WP&L is not proposing to levy any surcharges for this project.

WP&L is proposing to install approximately 5 miles of gas main and related facilities as a part of this project to provide gas service to the Village of Rockdale. WP&L proposes to construct approximately 2.4 miles of 4-inch plastic 60 psig MAOP main from the Village of Cambridge, Dane County, south along CTH B to the Village of Rockdale. In the Village of Rockdale, and east along East Rockdale Road, WP&L proposes to run approximately 2.4 miles of 2-inch plastic 60 psig MAOP main. WP&L is proposing to construct all of the gas main on public right-of-way.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Power and Light Company as a gas public utility, under s. 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Murley, Natural Gas Division at (608) 267-1207.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission:

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